

KENTUCKY BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2011

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held at the Frankfort office on June 6, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry R. Rhodes, Chair
Gil Cumbee, Vice Chair
Marsha Meyer
James Cobb, Ph.D
Stephen R. Wyatt

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF

Jeremy Horton, Deputy Executive Director
David Garr, Deputy Executive Director
Lucie Duvall, Board Administrator

OTHERS

Mark Brengelman, Office of the Attorney General
Judith Hower, Communications Specialist

CALL TO ORDER

Larry R. Rhodes, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Gil Cumbee to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2011 meeting as amended. Motion, seconded by Marsha Meyer, carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Meyer to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2011 special meeting. Motion, seconded by James Cobb, Ph.D., carried.

A motion was made by Dr. Cobb to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2011 special meeting. Motion, seconded by Ms. Meyer, carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial statements for the month ending April 30, 2011 and May 31, 2011 were presented to the Board for review. The Board acknowledged the financial statements as presented.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jeremy Horton introduced himself to the Board as the new Deputy Executive Director for the Office of Occupations and Professions. David Garr, former Deputy Executive Director of O & P accepted a new position with the Finance Cabinet.

Mr. Horton briefly discussed the upcoming budget with the Board for the next fiscal year. Mr. Horton discussed a 1.5% reduction to the Boards funds which could possibly go up to a 5% reduction in general fund and restricted fund spending for fiscal year 2012. No further action was taken.

Mr. Horton discussed the contract the Board has with UK and UK's request to provide a "facilities and administrative" cost as part of their annual agreement to provide a person to do the newsletter for Kentucky Professional Geologists. The Board discussed options to cover Judith Hower, Communications Specialist and UK's F & A expenses. The Board decided to table the discussion on the contract until the next scheduled meeting in order to figure out what percentage the Board should give UK for the F & A costs. No further action was taken.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mark Brengelman, Board Attorney briefly discussed with the Board attending an ethics training class. The Board agreed to have the ethics training at their next scheduled Board meeting. No further action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Shawn Cecil, guest speaker and Branch Manager for the Department of Environmental Protection Cabinet, offered the Board his thoughts and opinions on the exemption of government employees, last year's failed Bill to improve the public practice in geology and advancement of parity with engineering positions in the Merit System. No further action was taken.

The Board briefly discussed having a retired geologist category with a lower fee for renewing ones license. Mark Brengelman said he would look into it and see if it was something the Board could create and get back with the Board. No further action was taken.

The Board briefly discussed minimum standards for Professional Geologists. The Board will review more closely when reviewing and changing their regulations. No further action was taken.

The Board reviewed two folders containing old applications dating back as far as ten years. The Board directed the Board Administrator to retain the original applications and create a memo for record and shred the remaining documents. Regarding a retention policy for incomplete applications, a motion was made by Ms. Meyer for the Board Administrator to close incomplete files/applications after two (2) years within thirty (30) days unless the applicant lets the Board know in writing their intent to complete. Motion, seconded by Stephen Wyatt, carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board briefly discussed moving forward with the failed Bill presented to the Legislature from last year. A motion was made by Dr. Cobb to go forward with the Bill as before to the General Assembly in 2012 with the exception of the continuing education provision. Motion, seconded by Mr. Cumbee, carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The application committee tabled review of applications and reinstatements until the next scheduled meeting.

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

Ms. Meyer made a motion to approve the travel and per diem for members attending today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Mr. Cumbee, carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2011 at the Louisville Water Company at 1:30.

ADJOURN

Mr. Cumbee made a motion to adjourn at 4:00 p.m., having no further items of discussion. The motion, seconded by Ms. Meyer, carried.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry D. Rhodes", written over a horizontal line.

Larry Rhodes, Board Chair